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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Ad Hoc Working Group on Berlin (5th Meeting)

The ad hoc working group on Berlin met at 1000 on Wednesday, 26 November 1958 in Room 6161, New State. Among those present were the following:

Mr. Fay Kohler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs  
Mr. Martin Hillenbrand, Director, Office of German Affairs  
Mr. Edward L. Freese, Director, Office of Eastern European Affairs  
Mr. Alfred Vigesman, Deputy Director, Office of German Affairs  
Mr. Richard Service, OIC, USSR Affairs  
Col. E. M. Harris, OGR/DEA  
RAdm. F. O'Bairns, Director, J-3, Joint Staff  
Col. J. W. Totten, J-3 Div, Joint Staff

Revised papers, previously discussed, were circulated by representatives of the preparing agencies. In addition, a Joint Staff paper on the military implications of [ ]

circulated and discussed.

[ ] was circ-

Papers had also been prepared on [ ]

A study prepared by the FSO covering legal and political opinions [ ] regarding the status of Berlin had been reproduced and was circulated by the Department of State for information.

Mr. Kohler observed that he felt this should be the last meeting of the working group. That he proposed the papers, now having been discussed, should be assembled in a package and presented to the higher-ups in each Department. He indicated that it was Secretary Dulles'

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intention to be in Augusta (Ga.) on Sunday and that this matter would be discussed with the President at this time. It was thought that Averybury McElroy and General Twining would also be present for this discussion. It was Mr. Kohler's intention merely to cover the study with a brief memorandum to the Secretary stating its origin, but without any recommendations.

Mr. Kohler felt that the papers [ ] should be omitted from the final package as not being directly connected with the problem at hand.

The meeting adjourned at 1215.

(SIGNED)

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